Pradesh are pending with the Ministry since July, 1997;

(c) whether Government have taken any decision on these proposals despite lapse of 45 months and 17 months respectively in the interest of development of Himachal Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) to (d) Requests are received from time to time from different States of the country including Himachal Pradesh for setting up more LPG distributorships. The locations found economically viable and feasible are included in the Marketing Plan for selection of LPG distributors through prescribed selection procedure. In Himachal Pradesh for eco-fragile areas, Government has been allotting LPG distributorships and extension points direct to the Himachal Pradesh State Civil Supplies Corporation. Of the 37 locations recommended by Government of Himachal Pradesh, one location Kilar, Distt. Chamba has reportedly no motorable road and therefore, not feasible. All other locations are already having extension points or are covered under the area of operation of existing LPG distributors. Of these, 15 locations have been found feasible and included in the Marketing Plans for independent distributorships. Some of these locations have already been advertised.

**Non-Availability of Land for ONGC Projects in Gujarat**

2751. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ONGC's projects to boost oil production have got bogged down due to land not being made available by the Gujarat Government;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to get the project going?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) Two projects of ONGC for Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR) at Balol and Santhal field in Gujarat have suffered some delay due to non-availability of land for modification works.

(b) The State Government has stopped acquisition of land on temporary basis which has been the practice till now and insist on acquistion of land on permanent basis.

(c) Matter is being consistenly pursued by ONGC with the State Government. The problem of land acquisition has been taken up with the concerned State Government by the Ministry also.

**Gas Cracker Unit at Tengakhat**

2752. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to shortage of Gas, the proposed Gas Cracker Unit at Tengakhat in Upper Assam will use Naptha;

(b) if so, wherefrom the Naptha will be supplied; and

(c) by when the Gas Cracker Unit will be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) and (c) The Government of India has committed to supply to the Assam Gas Cracker Project adequate natural gas required to produce 2 lakhs tonnes per annum of ethylene. For production beyond this level, Naptha may be used. Supply of Naptha to the extent available has been indicated from

the Refineries in the North East and the balance from other Refineries.

(c) Reliance Assam Petrochemical Ltd. (RAPL) who are implementing the Assam Gas Cracker Project have indicated that the project could be commissioned in 44 months from the date of signing of the Gas Supply Agreement and handing over of entire land required for the project.

**महाराष्ट्र और गुजरात में तेल और गैस भंडार**

2753. **श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव:** क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) महाराष्ट्र और गुजरात के उन स्थानों का ब्यौरा क्या है, जहां अब तक गैस और तेल भंडारों का पता चला है;

(ख) इन क्षेत्रों में गैस और तेल का क्षेत्रवार उत्पादन कितना-कितना है;

(ग) क्या सरकार का विचार इन राज्यों में किसी पेट्रोलियम/गैस आधारित उद्योग अथवा पेट्रोलियम उप-उत्पाद आधारित गैस उद्योग स्थापित करने का है; और

(घ) यदि हां, त तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

**पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री संतोष कुमार गंगवार):** (क) आज की तारीख तक महाराष्ट्र राज्य में किसी तेल/गैस क्षेत्र या भंडार का पता नहीं चला है। गुजरात राज्य में महेसाना, अहमदाबाद, खम्बात तथा अंकलेश्वर परियोजना क्षेत्रों में तेल तथा गैस वाली 85 संरचनाओं का पता चला है।

(ख) वर्ष 1997-98 के लिये गुजरात राज्य में ओ एन जी सी क्षेत्रों तथा निजी कंपनियों द्वारा प्रचालित क्षेत्रों से तेल और गैस का परियोजना क्षेत्र वार उत्पादन निम्नवत् है:—

ओ एन जी सी

| क्षेत्र | 1997-98 |
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| (क) अहमदाबाद | |
| तेल (मि०मी०ट०) | 1.466 |
| गैस (एमएमएससीएमडी) | 1.687 |
| (ख) महेसाना | |
| तेल (मि०मी०ट०) | 1.952 |
| गैस (एमएमएससीएमडी) | 0.507 |
| (ग) अंकलेश्वर | |
| तेल (मि०मी०ट०) | 2.478 |
| गैस (एमएमएससीएमडी) | 6.334 |
| (घ) खंबात | |
| तेल (मि०मी०ट०) | 0.055 |
| गैस (एमएमएससीएमडी) | 0.006 |
| निजी कंपनियों के तहत छोटे आकार के क्षेत्र | |
| तेल (मि०मी०ट०) | 0.028 |
| गैस (एमएमएससीएमडी) | 0.167 |
| योग | |
| तेल (मि०मी०ट०) | 5.979 |
| गैस (एमएमएससीएमडी) | 8.701 |

(ग) और (घ) जानकारी एकत्र की जा रही है और सदन के पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

**Closure of Balmer Lawrie & Company Limited in Chennai and Cochin**

2754. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Balmer Lawrie & Company Limited had decided to close down the Freight Container Division in Chennai and Cochin;

(b) whether the company is neither getting support nor orders even from their contemporaries under the administrative jurisdiction in different ministries;

(c) whether Government are not appearing to be integrated to safeguard the interest of the company; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?